

CITY OF PULLMAN
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2017

The City of Pullman Historic Preservation Commission held a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 325 SE Paradise, Pullman, Washington with Chair Ned Warnick presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Anderson, Gruen, Hornback, Munch-Rotolo, Root, Warnick
Staff: Radtke, Johnson

WARNICK Called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and called roll.

MOTION Munch-Rotolo moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2017 as prepared by Staff. Seconded by Anderson and passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Discuss Preparations for the Guided Walking Tour Planned for This Fall.

Commissioners provided updates on their assigned tasks from the last meeting:

- Munch-Rotolo stated that she spoke with Ed Garretson from the Whitman County Historical Society, who is unfortunately unavailable on the scheduled tour night, and he did not have any suggestions for other individuals who might be interested/willing to act as a guide.
- Munch-Rotolo indicated that she would be speaking with the WSU History Club about possible volunteers to do “untrained” work, and she needed to know where/when they should show up for any preliminary training.
- Anderson stated that the Chamber of Commerce had Lentil Festival lanyards available, but that they were quite narrow, so he purchased some light blue lanyards, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ ” wide, for use at the tour.
- Hornback confirmed that the lobby for Pufferbelly Depot will be available, but there will be no access to the Caboose or other train cars.
- Hornback also detailed that Paradise Creek Brewery will be open, and people can have a short, un-guided tour, but that it is a home football weekend so it will be pretty busy.

Commissioners discussed the sites from the 2016 tour, and determined some new sites and who would act as docent for the specific locale:

- 1) Pufferbelly Depot – Radtke
- 2) Star Route / Red Brick Roads – Munch-Rotolo
- 3) Artesian Well / Hutchinson Studio – Gruen
- 4) Pine Street Plaza / Thomas Hammer / Audian – Rahmani
- 5) US Post Office Building – Hornback
- 6) Flat Iron Building / Webb Block – Anderson
- 7) Mason / Anawalt Buildings, Cordova Theater – Root

Warnick indicated that he would attempt to redo the 2016 map with the 2017 locations.

Commissioners discussed a potential tour for 2018, suggested perhaps holding the tour earlier in the year, start planning for the event with more lead time, and switching up sites.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Consider and Take Action on the Nomination of the Kennedy-McKee House, located at 1045 NE Monroe Street, to the Pullman Register of Historic Places.

Radtke introduced the topic, stated that the nomination was for the Kennedy-McKee House, located at 1045 NE Monroe Street, to the Pullman Register of Historic Places. The building was constructed in 1939, and is being considered for its age, structural integrity, and notable residents. Staff is recommending approval of the nomination.

GEORGE KENNEDY
1045 NE Monroe Street
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Stated that he is one of the applicants, and that he was available to respond to any questions the Commissioners might have. He responded to Commissioner questions by stating that the introduction of "Stanley" Hacker on page 19 of the application is a typographical error in place of "Sidney"; the structure was built as a side-by-side duplex, and though the conversion from a duplex to a single family home was relatively simple, they opted not to change the exterior of the house because it was unnecessary and expensive. He remarked that the only single-supplier utility for the structure is water.

He remarked that they decided to nominate the house because they have lived there for 36 years, and there have been only two owners; the previous owners owned it for 46 years. They also wish to preserve their piece of the community. He provided a brief history of their residency, indicating that they moved in as renters in 1981, bought the structure in 1985 but continued to rent the other half to tenants, and converted to a single family home in 1994. He opined that the structure is not breathtakingly remarkable, but it is a neighborhood anchor and a contributing property to the College Hill Historic District.

He requested that the structure be officially referred to as the McKee-Kennedy House.

DISCUSSION

Commissioners discussed the application, and the applicant's request to modify the official name.

MOTION

Anderson moved that the Commission find the proposed nomination of the McKee-Kennedy House, located at 1045 NE Monroe Street, be approved, and that the property be listed on the Pullman Register of Historic Places. Seconded by Munch-Rotolo and passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Radtke stated that the Commission will be reviewing their first special tax valuation application at the next regular meeting, and this is notable because it is a quasi-judicial hearing.

Warnick stated that it is possible that a nomination to add the Greystone Church to the Pullman Register of Historic Places may be forthcoming.

Munch-Rotolo questioned whether there should be a process for amending a Pullman Register of Historic Places nomination form after it has been submitted to the City and/or Historic Preservation Commission.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 9, 2017 – No conflicts noted.

November 13, 2017 – No conflicts noted.

December 11, 2017 – Anderson has a possible conflict; no other conflicts noted.

MOTION

Munch-Rotolo moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Hornback and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chair

Planning Director

Secretary